Export of wheat

†3108. SHRI NANA DESHMUKH: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the quantity of wheat exported during the last fiscal year;

(b) the amount of foreign exchange earned by the deal; and

(c) whether it has upgraded India's position in the list of wheat exporting countries?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDY): (a) and (b) The total quantity of wheat exported during the last fiscal year was 8,79,480 MT valued at Rs. 444.23 crores. (Source: DGCI&S, Calcutta).

(c) Yes, Sir.

Indo-Pakistan trade

3109. SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that trade between India and Pakistan is adversely affected because of the suspension of train services between the two countries;

(b) if so, the commodities exported from India and imported from Pakistan during the last two years and the value thereof; and

(c) in what manner Government propose to ensure that trade between the two countries is not affected?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDY): (a) to (c) In the wake of December 13 attack on Parliament, Government of India announced its decision, among others, to terminate the services of Samjhauta Express and the bus service

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between Delhi and Lahore *w.e.f.* 1st January, 2002. Although, Government's decision did not affect the movement of freight trains, Pakistan has been refusing to accept the interchange of freight trains, between India and Pakistan from 1st January, 2002.

Government of India has continued to accord MFN status to Pakistan. Diplomatic and other measures taken by the Government of India in the wake of the December 13, terrorist attacks were not targeted at trade between the two countries. Further trade facilitation measures are being discussed in the fourth round of SAPTA negotiations.

During 1999-2000 and 2000-2001, Indian exports to Pakistan included mainly Sugar, Inorganic/Organic and agro-chemicals, Drugs, Pharmaceuticals & fine chemicals, Oil meals, Plastic and linoleum products, Dyes/intermediates & coal-tar chemicals, Rubber manufactured products except footwear, Spices and Tea etc. Imports from Pakistan included mainly Fruits and nuts except cashew nuts, Pulses, Sugar and Spices etc. Figures of exports and imports for this period are given below:

Rs. Crores

	1999-2000	2000-2001
Exports	402.76	848.41
Imports	295.59	299.45